

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING BARTON
COUNTY OFFICIALS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a number of officials from Barton County, Missouri, are retiring this year after serving the public for a number of years.

I have had the privilege of representing Barton County in the United States Congress on two occasions. Barton County lies in the southwestern part of the Fourth Congressional District. Its county seat of Lamar is the birthplace of President Harry S. Truman, and the people who live there today personify the same common sense, hard working, Show-Me State values that made President Truman an outstanding president and global leader. I am honored to represent these fine Missourians in the United States Congress and to have had the privilege to work with many of these outstanding public officials.

Presiding Commissioner Gerald Miller was born in Idaho but moved to Missouri as a child. He graduated from Lamar High School in 1958 and has been active in the community since that time. Since 1999, Mr. Miller has served as Presiding Commissioner and has worked tirelessly to improve the communities he represents. He is a member of the Lamar Metro Club, the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine, and the Lamar Masonic Lodge. He is a successful businessman who is married to Brenda Rinehart—and has two sons, Mark and Matt.

County Clerk Bonda Rawlings is a lifelong resident of Barton County. She graduated from Lamar High School in 1971 and has dedicated much of her life to bettering her community. Since 1983, she has served as the Barton County Clerk and has been a leader in the State Association of County Clerks, serving as president in 1996. While working full time, she is also a member of the Barton County Chamber of Commerce, the Lamar Art League, the Barton County Historical Society, the Truman Area Transportation System, and the Lamar High School Booster Club. In all of these organizations, Mrs. Rawlings has held a leadership position. Bonda is married to Bill Rawlings and has two sons, Stan and Steve.

Circuit Clerk Jerry Moyer has spent his adult life serving the City of Lamar and is a graduate of Golden City High School. In 1976, he graduated from the College of the Ozarks with a degree in criminal justice administration. Mr. Moyer has served as the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Barton County since 1983 and has been a leader among his colleagues, serving as president of the Circuit Clerk and Recorders Association in 1994. Mr. Moyer previously served as Deputy Sheriff, a police officer, and a Deputy Juvenile Officer. He is active in the First Assembly of God Church, the Lamar Rotary Club, and the Freedom Singers gospel choir. Jerry Moyer is married to Jena Moyer and has a daughter named Tiffany.

Recorder of Deeds Jean Keithly has lived in Barton County all her life and is a graduate of Lamar High School. From 1984 to 2003, she served as the Deputy Recorder of Deeds in Barton County. In 2003, she became the first elected Recorder of Deeds in Barton County since 1935, when the office had been combined with the Circuit Clerk's office. Mrs.

Keithly has been an active member of the Recorder's Association of Missouri for 22 years. She is a long-time member of the Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church and has been an outstanding charitable volunteer. Mrs. Keithly is married to Bob Keithly and has two children, Michael and Teresa.

Deputy Assessor Dna Mullinax has lived in Golden City, Missouri, for the past 41 years and has worked at the Barton County Courthouse since 1983. Throughout her tenure, she has capably worked through many changes within her office and was especially instrumental in assigning emergency 911 addresses to rural Barton County homes. In 1998, Mrs. Mullinax received the "Employee of the Year" award, which was presented by the Lamar Rotary Club. She and her husband, Rusty, have a shared family of seven children and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, these five individuals represent the outstanding Missourians who live and work within Missouri's Fourth Congressional District. As they each prepare to spend time with their families and enjoy retirement, I know that my colleagues will join me in wishing them well.

IN HONOR OF THE SALINAS
WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of the Salinas Women's Club, which recently commemorated its 100th year of existence. In the century that it has been around, the Salinas Women's Club has contributed greatly to the progress that the city of Salinas has enjoyed through its amazing fundraising abilities and true compassion for the welfare of this city. This organization has helped in several ways, from funding important and needed amenities to awarding scholarships to young people to cleaning up the streets.

The club was founded on August 25, 1906 by a group of active Salinas ladies whose main areas of focus were civic affairs, current events, and public health. The club immediately focused on an overall community need, a library. After circulating a petition for the library, the club pushed the City Council to support and approve the funding for the project. The ladies of the club raised the funds from a variety of events. They held dances, plays, and talent shows, and they sold flower arrangements. By 1915 they had raised the funds and also acquired a grant to build the library.

Because of the success of its first project, the Salinas Women's Club thrived. The club continued to develop community projects such as tennis courts and playgrounds. And in 1923, it funded its own building to be the site for meetings and to be an open environment for all those who wish to express their views about the community in which they live.

The Salinas Women's Club has done so much for the city of Salinas in its one hundred years that the city is indebted forever. This club began the Exchange Student program, which helped to further the cultural aspect of the town. It helped in the founding of Meals on Wheels, and fundraised for the National

Steinbeck Center. It promotes music and the arts, and always is willing to help those in need. They entertained soldiers at luncheons and fought against the pollution of the city.

Mr. Speaker, the Salinas Women's Club has contributed so much to the city of Salinas and the surrounding community; I have only scratched the surface of its beneficial and compassionate dedication. I commend the Salinas Women's Club for all that it has done in its one hundred years, and I hope that it will continue for another hundred years with the same service, attitude, and contribution to the community.

HONORING LOWELL STANBERRY

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lowell Stanberry, a dear friend who passed away this past weekend.

Lowell Stanberry was a straightforward man who always stood up and fought for his deeply held convictions. He was a Republican long before it was popular—or politically advantageous—to be a member of the GOP in my state of Florida. Lowell was instrumental in building support for my first candidacy for Congress by hosting barbecues at his ranch.

Lowell summed up his unwavering dedication to political activism and conservative principles by saying that "I think politics is kind of like religion. If you were born Baptist, I guess you die Baptist. If you were born a Republican, I think you die a Republican."

But Lowell was much more than a political activist. He was a dedicated member of his Dade City, Florida, community. He was a local volunteer and civic leader. He was a philanthropist and humanitarian. He was a friend and mentor to many. And he was a dedicated husband to his beloved wife, Evelyn, who passed on earlier this year.

Mr. Speaker, Lowell Stanberry was a courageous man whose convictions guided him throughout his life. I can think of no better way to honor him than by remaining true to ourselves and fighting for the goals and ideals in which we so strongly believe. I urge our colleagues to do that today and every day that we have the honor of serving as members of the greatest deliberative body in world history.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WALTER
LLOYD BELL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Walter Lloyd Bell, one of the founding fathers of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Known to his family and friends as Lloyd, he passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2006, at the age of 80.

After serving his country in the Navy during World War II, Lloyd returned to Las Vegas and began his career in law enforcement at the Clark County Sheriff's Office. In 1955, at the age of 29, Lloyd became the youngest person